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RE: New Patent Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) for SWITCHING ARRANGEMENT by:

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Sir:

Please find attached hereto an application for patent. It is hereby requested that this application be accorded a filing date pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)(1). Enclosed are:


- ☒ Title page, specification, claims and abstract.
- ☒ Two (2) sheets of informal drawings (Figs. 1-3).
- ☒ Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 from British Patent Application No. 9928074.5 filed November 29, 1999, the certified copy of which will follow.

The signed inventor Declaration and the required filing fee will be submitted in due course.

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